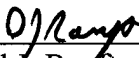


prior to the publication date of the cited document. Enclosed are Declarations by James D. Gee, Jr. and Robert Collins identifying specific claimed features which existed prior to the publication date for the cited document.

Based on the enclosed additional evidence, which is in compliance with MPEP 715.07, Applicant respectfully requests approval of all claims and the Application. If a phone call can help resolve any remaining issues, please call me.

Respectfully submitted
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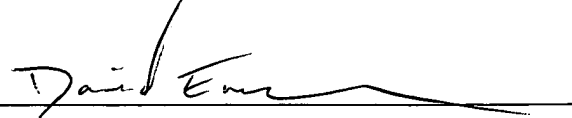
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SHOULD ANY OTHER FEE BE REQUIRED, THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO CHARGE SUCH FEE TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 13-0410.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS EXPRESS MAIL No. EV 166623074 US IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA. 22313-1450

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